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In re Application of Oettel et al. Application No. 10/729,487

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:DECISION ON PETITION AND

:NOTING JOINDER OF

: INVENTOR

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed on August 19, 2004.

In view of the joinder of the inventors, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary and such a petition is moot.

Accordingly, the petition is dismissed as moot.

This application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1616 for examination in due course.

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